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The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Mineral County

Located in northwestern Montana, Mineral County is Montana's 39th most populous with 3,884 residents, according to the 2000 Census.

Superior, the county seat, is the state's 61st largest city with a population of 893. Mineral County history began with the building of the Mullan Military Road in 1859. It ran the length of the county and in its tracks today runs I-90. Gold was discovered at Cedar Creek in 1869 and a gold rush lasted about three years.

Superior started as a post office in 1871 to serve the miners and once was called "Superior City." Railroads played an important role in building up the community. Mineral County was formed in 1914 and named by Orville Grant Willett, a Spanish-American War veteran and first state senator from the county.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Mineral County households in 1997 was \$26,068. The county is 1,223.4 square miles in area; 1,219.9 square miles in land area and 3.5 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average daily low in Superior in January between 1961 and 1990 was 19.1 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 85.9 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 16.57 inches and the growing season was from April 22 to Oct. 16 (last and first frost).

Mineral County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	2000 Census	1990 Census	1980 Census	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '80 to '90	% Change '80 to '00
Montana	902,195	799,065	786,690	12.9%	1.6%	14.7%
Mineral County	3,884	3,315	3,675	17.2%	-9.8%	5.7%
Alberton	374	354	368	5.6%	-3.8%	1.6%
Superior	893	881	1,054	1.4%	-16.4%	-15.3%

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

1998 New Businesses by Industry

Mineral County

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Total		16

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau

*SIC Code: Standard Industrial Classification Code

New businesses registered with the Unemployment Insurance Program.

Does not include businesses which had a change in ownership.

Top 10 Private Employers In Mineral County

Listed In Alphabetical Order

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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau.

First Quarter 2001 Unemployment Insurance Information.

This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

Annual Average Labor Force For Mineral County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2000	1,682	1,531	151	9.0%
1999	1,683	1,522	161	9.6%
1998	1,722	1,535	187	10.9%
1997	1,679	1,523	156	9.3%
1996	1,629	1,481	148	9.1%
1995	1,692	1,476	216	12.8%
1994	1,711	1,543	168	9.8%
1993	1,647	1,490	157	9.5%
1992	1,732	1,547	185	10.7%
1991	1,782	1,589	193	10.8%
1990	1,772	1,616	156	8.8%
1989	1,386	1,255	131	9.5%
1988	1,528	1,357	171	11.2%
1987	1,592	1,423	169	10.6%
1986	1,635	1,425	210	12.8%
1985	1,777	1,527	250	14.1%
1984	1,921	1,675	246	12.8%
1983	2,251	1,906	345	15.3%
1982	1,848	1,430	418	22.6%
1981	1,908	1,665	243	12.7%
1980	1,903	1,710	193	10.1%
1979	1,710	1,582	128	7.5%
1978	1,711	1,558	153	8.9%
1977	1,763	1,580	183	10.4%
1976	1,775	1,623	152	8.6%
1975	1,544	1,372	172	11.1%
1974	1,568	1,417	151	9.6%
1973	1,458	1,348	110	7.5%
1972	1,457	1,360	97	6.7%
1971	1,363	1,277	86	6.3%
1970	1,283	1,203	80	6.2%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2001 Benchmark).

**Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex
1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data
Civilian Labor Force-All Persons**

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<i>Total</i>	1,507	847	660
<i>Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations</i>			
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	271	146	125
Professional Specialty Occupations	100	58	42
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	171	88	83
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	282	70	212
Sales Occupations	20	7	13
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	75	37	38
Service Occupations	187	26	161
Private Household Occupations	335	87	248
Protective Service Occupations	4	0	4
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	26	24	2
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	305	63	242
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	120	105	14
Mechanics and Repairers	147	134	13
Construction Trade	73	73	0
Extractive Occupations	41	35	6
Precision Production Occupations	9	9	0
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	24	17	7
Machinists, Assemblers and Inspectors	349	304	45
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	143	120	23
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	145	135	10
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	61	49	12
	3	0	3

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CO-ROM).

Resources

⇒ **Chamber of Commerce:**

Mineral County Chamber, P. O. Box 483, Superior, MT 59872,
406-822-4891

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry:**

Missoula Job Service Workforce Center
539 S. 3rd St. W., Missoula, MT 59806, 406-728-7060

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>.

⇒ **Housing Costs:**

Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

⇒ **Internet:**

Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>. Cities and towns of Alberton, De Borgia, Haugen, St. Regis, Salteese and Superior Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**

Drivers' Licensing

Superior—Courthouse, 406-822-3529

⇒ **Newspaper:**

Mineral Independent, P. O. Box 387, St. Regis, MT 59866, 406-649-2078

⇒ **Public Libraries:**

Mineral County Public Library, 301 Second Ave. E., Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-3563

Alberton Branch Library, 701 Railroad Ave., Alberton, MT 59820, 406-722-3005

St. Regis Branch Library, 3 Tiger St., St. Regis, MT 59866, 406-649-2343

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**

Alberton K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 330, Alberton, MT 59820, 406-722-4413
St. Regis K-12 Schools, Drawer K, St. Regis, MT 59866, 406-649-2427
Superior K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 400, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-3600

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Mineral County Employment By Industry*

Annual Averages 2000

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual
			Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	147	1,069	\$20,409,021
PRIVATE BUSINESS	125	751	\$11,709,055
CONSTRUCTION	10	18	\$381,441
General Building	4	8	\$116,139
MANUFACTURING	16	128	\$3,661,712
Lumber	11	105	\$2,772,721
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	11	21	\$524,662
Trucking-Warehousing	6	8	\$133,762
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	3	10	\$325,919
RETAIL TRADE	33	346	\$4,116,265
Food Stores	4	49	\$540,171
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	6	61	\$729,132
Eating & Drinking	14	131	\$1,125,712
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	8	14	\$210,965
Real Estate	6	7	\$80,404
SERVICES	41	213	\$2,742,438
Hotels & Lodging	9	56	\$481,602
Amusement & Recreation	6	18	\$249,657
Social Services	8	21	\$102,559
Private Households	4	2	\$28,474
GOVERNMENT	21	318	\$8,699,966
State	6	39	\$1,425,745
Local	6	219	\$4,664,716
Federal	9	60	\$2,609,505

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau.

(Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.

Per Capita Personal Income

	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1980	1970
U.S.	\$28,542	\$27,322	\$25,874	\$24,651	\$23,562	\$22,581	\$21,718	\$21,082	\$20,089	\$19,584	\$10,183	\$4,095
Montana	\$21,997	\$21,307	\$20,173	\$19,383	\$18,764	\$18,129	\$18,072	\$17,114	\$16,509	\$15,524	\$9,143	\$3,625
% of National Average	77%	78%	78%	79%	80%	80%	83%	81%	82%	79%	90%	89%
Mineral County	\$14,931	\$14,850	\$13,882	\$13,634	\$13,436	\$12,498	\$12,784	\$12,322	\$12,279	\$11,793	\$7,196	\$3,192
% of National Average	52%	54%	54%	55%	57%	55%	59%	58%	61%	60%	71%	78%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 2001.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county fliers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income statewide is usually released late spring. Population data for Montana is released in late December and county data in March. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age		White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
		5-11	321	153	2	1	13	4	3	2	2	1	12	4	12	5	
12-14		180	93	0	0	8	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	3	4	2	
15-17		185	79	0	0	5	3	2	0	2	2	8	6	5	3		
18-21		153	70	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	8	3	5	2		
Total		839	395	3	1	26	8	7	3	8	4	32	16	26	12		

Working & Voting Age		White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
		16+	2,925	1,413	4	1	48	23	14	9	7	4	71	43	39	20	
16-64		2,384	1,149	4	1	48	23	11	6	7	4	65	39	38	20		
18+		2,812	1,361	4	1	45	21	13	9	5	2	63	37	36	17		
18-64		2,271	1,097	4	1	45	21	10	6	5	2	57	33	35	17		
Total		3,673	1,780	8	3	75	31	21	12	10	6	97	52	61	29		

Other Age Group		White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
		0-4	175	94	2	1	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	10	2	4	2
5-17		686	325	2	1	24	8	7	3	5	4	24	13	21	10		
18-44		1,164	572	3	1	25	11	4	1	4	2	34	21	23	11		
45-64		1,107	525	1	0	20	10	6	5	1	0	23	12	12	6		
65+		541	264	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	6	4	1	0		
Total		3,673	1,780	8	3	75	31	21	12	10	6	97	52	61	29		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data.

Compiled by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001

Mineral County

County of Residence	# Who Work in Mineral County	County of Work	# Who Live in Mineral County
Out of State	29	Out of State	72
Cascade County	6	Baaverhead County	7
Flathead County	8	Lake County	5
Granite County	1	Lewis & Clark County	4
Lake County	3	Lincoln County	7
Lewis & Clark County	4	Mineral County	1,136
Lincoln County	3	Missoula County	99
Mineral County	1,136	Sanders County	11
Missoula County	157		
Ravalli County	6		
Sanders County	27		

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.